

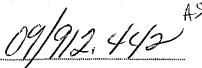


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| THE FO | DLLOWING CHECKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT: 1. Amendments to the specification: A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings. B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined. C. Other |
| | 2. Abstract: ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72. ☐ B. Other |
| | 3. Amendments to the drawings: |
| | 4. Amendments to the claims: □ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present. □ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (including withdrawn claims) □ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. □ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order. □ E. Other: |
| | ner explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf . |
| this lette non-entr changes | in-compliant amendment is a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT , applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of a to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in y of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit stendable. |
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